

Exhibit A

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
U.S. Attorney's Office

TRANSCRIPT

Case #: CV-25-1759

Participants: Judge Richard Bailey, Miguel Barrios, Spanish Interpreter

Recording Time: N/A

Type: Immigration Interview

Recording Date: May 29th, 2025

Method: Virtual

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2 BAILEY: This is a removal hearing in the matter of Miguel
3 Gregorio Vamondez Barrios, 240176787. The respondent is present pro
4 se. Good afternoon, sir. Can you hear the interpreter clearly?
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6 INTERPRETER: Yes.
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8 BAILEY: What is your best language?
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10 INTERPRETER: Spanish.
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12 BAILEY: Can you please raise your right hand? Do you swear or
13 affirm that the testimony you provide in these proceedings will be
14 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
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16 INTERPRETER: Yes, Correct.
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18 BAILEY: Thank you, you may lower your hand. Today's your first
19 hearing at immigration court, so the court is going to provide you
20 information about your rights and responsibilities in these
21 proceedings. You are here because the government has filed a
22 document called the notice to appear charging you as removable from
23 the United States. The purpose of these proceedings is to determine

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24 if you are removable as charged and eligible for any forms of
25 relief from removal. If you file any applications for relief for
26 removal or an immigration benefit, your case will proceed to a
27 final hearing on the merits of that application. You have the right
28 to present evidence, witnesses, and testimony on your own behalf,
29 as well as to examine and object to any evidence or witnesses
30 submitted by the government. If the court determines you are not
31 eligible for the relief you apply for, the court will enter an
32 order of removal directing that you be returned to your country of
33 citizenship. An appeal is a request that a higher court review this
34 court's decision for any errors of fact or law. You must appear at
35 all hearings in immigration court. If you fail to appear at a
36 hearing as directed, you may be ordered removed in your absence.
37 You must also comply with all deadlines set by the court, including
38 deadlines for filing evidence and applications. If you fail to
39 comply with a deadline set by the court, the court may determine
40 you are giving up your right to apply for relief. If at any point
41 during these proceedings you are released from immigration custody,
42 you must notify the court of your new address within five days. You
43 have the right to be represented by an attorney or a qualified
44 representative at your own expense. Do you have any questions for
45 the court?

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47 INTERPRETER: Your Honor, today I don't have an attorney, but if
48 you are willing to adjourn my case to another date, I will gladly
49 look for an attorney.

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51 BAILEY: We can do that, sir. [SC]. We can do that. Your next
52 hearing will be July 3rd at 1:00 in the afternoon. Any other
53 questions?

55 INTERPRETER: What the court said at the beginning, I couldn't
56 understand well. That I have an order of what?

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58 BAILEY: You're in removal proceedings because the government
59 filed a notice to appear. And if the court finds you are not
60 eligible for any forms of relief from removal that would allow you
61 to stay in the United States, then the court at that point would
62 enter an order of removal. As of now, you have not been ordered to
63 remove.

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65 INTERPRETER: I have a question.

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67 BAILEY: Okay

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69 INTERPRETER: I'm married to a US - I'm married to a US citizen. I
70 also have a child who was born three weeks ago - three weeks ago on
71 May 6th, and I'm the head of the house - I'm the head of the
72 household. I'm the main bread winner. Regardless of this, um, I
73 will still be ordered removed?

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75 BAILEY: Uh, sir, depends on whether you're eligible for any forms
76 of relief. But we're not going to have a detailed conversation
77 about that today because you've asked for time to find an attorney.
78 And they would be able to give you more information about any forms
79 of relief you may be able to apply for. At your next hearing, if
80 you don't have an attorney, then you should be prepared to
81 represent yourself. And we will go through the notice to appear and
82 then talk about whether you are eligible for any forms of relief
83 from removal.

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85 INTERPRETER: Okay.

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BAILEY: All right, so that - that, um, that's it for the removal hearing. We are also scheduled for a bond hearing. We'll switch over to that now, and we'll talk about that.

Dated this 28th day of April 2025.

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